

Filmmaker and American Fulbright Scholar to Poland 2007/2008

Minna Zielonka - Packer

presents her documentary film with a discussion
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28 May

11:00 – Auschwitz Jewish Center
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BACK TO GOMBIN

A film documentary by Minna Zielonka-Packer

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The filmmaker, a child of Holocaust survivors, chronicles the tragic history of the Jews of the town of Gombin (Gabin), a small town in the Warszawa province in central Poland and the birthplace of her father.

Interviews of remaining survivors, who grew up as friends and relatives are interwoven with illuminating, historic footage filmed in 1937 by Sam Rafel on his trip to Gombin as a chairman of the Gombin Relief Committee. Survivors' testimony of the ghettos, the camps and methods of survival are juxtaposed with images of prewar innocence, the Jews of Gombin celebrating and posing for the camera. This is further combined with candid interviews of the children of the survivors speaking about the impact on their lives of growing up in the shadow of death with their survivor parents.

The tenacity and perseverance, which personified the Jewish survivor of Gombin, has been inherited by the second and third generation. In an effort to reclaim the lost history of their parents' and ancestors' lives, a group of descendants, a handful of American professionals from diverse walks of life, an Englishman and an Israeli genealogist have formed The Gombin Jewish Historical and Genealogical Society. With no more than the dream of remembrance, the leaders of this group have created a project of healing.

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Zielonka-Packer is based in Lodz, Poland, in production on her current film, *The Lilliput*, a narrative 35mm feature length film from her script. The movie will be released for international audiences in 2009. See the website:

<http://www.thelilliputmovie.com>

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